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PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER §1.181
FROM AN ACTION OF AN EXAMINER IN THE EX-PARTE PROSECUTION
AT THE ABOVE REFERENCED APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action made Final of October 21, 2008, applicant filed a response under §1.116 mailed November 21, 2008, requesting that the finality of the Action Made Final be removed as premature. The subsequent Advisory Action denied applicant's request (by silence.) Applicant, therefore, respectfully petitions the director under §1.181 to remove the finality at the above referenced Action as premature.

REMARKS

Request that finality of prior Action be removed

Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the above referenced Action, mailed 10/21/2008, be removed as premature. Page 3 of the Action, third paragraph, contains a new ground of rejection, and is based upon a new reference. The new ground of rejection was not necessitated by Applicant's amendment.

Re Amendment to Claim 2 – Not Substantive

Dependent claim 2 had recited yaw control surfaces on the "wing." Claim 1 had referred, however, to a "larger lifting surface" rather than a "wing," (Paragraph 0010, last sentence, recites that: "the larger horizontal lifting surface is referred to as the wing.") Applicant amended "the wing" in claim 2, nonetheless, to "the larger lifting surface" for consistency of antecedent basis. Such was not a substantive matter. The amendment did not necessitate the new ground of rejection.

The New Ground of Rejection Relates to a Prior Omission of Any Basis for Rejection

Rather, the new ground of rejection, stated on page 3 third paragraph, rejects claim 2 over Rutan '800 in view of Rutan ATTT and further in view of Burnelli. Reference Burnelli is newly applied in regard to the limitation of yaw control surfaces on the larger lifting surface, the limitation of claim 2.

The Examiner states that, in order to definitely show yaw control surfaces on the larger lifting surface, a citation to Burnelli 1,987,050 is necessary.

The prior Action of 3/19/08 in regard to claim 2 had made no finding of any yaw control surfaces on the "wing" or "larger lifting" surface, in any reference. The limitation of claim 2 had not been addressed. Thus, applicant's amendment to claim 2 did not necessitate the new ground of rejection. Rather the Examiner's amendment corrected a prior oversight of not citing any reference in rejection of the claim.

PETITION

Applicant respectfully petitions that the finality of the above referenced Office Action be removed as premature, that the Request for Continuing Examination filed 1/20/09 under §1.114 be regarded as a Response to a Non-Final Office Action and that the fee filed with the Request for Continuing Examination be refunded.

Respectfully Submitted,

1/20/09
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